## WHITE ELEPHANTS SCARCE IN SIAM.

Only Four of the Beasts to Be Found in the Royal Stables.

#### ARE KEPT IN GREAT HALLS.

Once Each Year They Take Part in State Processions, Arrayed in Gorgeous Trappings.

Chicago, April 16 - From Banakok, Siam. Eliza R. Scidmore writes to Chicago paper that there is no guide book to Bangkok. no map or plan of the city to be bought and no regular book store to they one in. If one wants a guide the kotel people think a minute, and then agree to find one goes to his Consul, who can alway shown strangers the city's flone after a

Through the consulate one gets permiswion to see the great temple within the palace precincts, the Wat Phra Kno. where the famous emerald Buddha is etwhrined, and at the same time one sees the four white elephants now in the King's stable-probably the last of their

After the dust and noise, and untily houses, and general effensiveness of the Chinese quarter, the city of the King, with broad streets and spaces, gardens of shrubhers and whitewards dust to the city of the King. with broad streets and spaces, gardens of shubbery and whitewashed walls, comes to one as a glimpse of paradine. One dismounts at a fantastic, suired gateway in the immaculate white wall of the palace and passes into the great outer court, a lawn on one side, the inilitings of the Ministers of the Interior, of the Evereign Office and the Treasury on the other. Young trees, dipped and trained like the storied unintellas of priests and royalty, stand along the nathway, and on one of the stone flagged inner courts are the studies of the sacred animals, who have given name and court of arms, symbol and standard to Slam.

"WHITE ELEPHANTS MOUSE COLOR.

"WHITE" ELEPHANTS MOUSE COLOR We all know now that one shall not find the "white" elephant really white-us white as a white rat, a white fox, or a

the "white" elephant really white—as white has a white rat, a white fox, or a white polar bear. The four "white" elephants now in attendance at the palace are a good mouse color—as gray as a Maltese cat, perhaps, shading to a pinkish flesh color at the ends of the ears, where they are speckled and freekled as if with some skin disorder.

Each beast occupies a great, roomy, vaulted hall to itself, each one stands on a square pedestul or platform, and each one that I saw was tethered by one, two or three legs, according to his disposition, to as many steut nests sunk in the Bear, to any any steut posts sunk in the Bear, and reach ested from one foot to the other in an unpleasent way.

The keeper crawled out of his electy coiner and gave a bunch of green fodder to the elephant, and the animal turned its small vellow, wall eye more amiably to the light.

The next elephant was the same spotty, leprous looking creature, but more peareful in disposition, and the third one was best looking of all. This protty Maltone gray beast torsel its runk in salue and banged its forchead loudly, and several bunches of greens went to it in reward.

None of the caparhenis of state, the huncest howdans, or clothes was visible in fine great halls, where the heasts kept state.

The fourth and last elephant in line was

the great hans, where the hears kep state.

The fourth and last elephant in line was warrented most savege and victous of all, and a long distunce look from the doorway was enough, for the elephant was evinging his tunk and thingting from one foot to another and the keeper had a wild eye and the look of one drayged to a dangerous point.

CAREFULLY TENDED The stables are clean and etaolatolna. The stables are clean and well kept, spa-The stables are clean and well kept, spa-clous and airs, and the animals are care-fully tended and fed, exercised within the palace grounds, and rarely, more rarely each year, given part in state processions. The elephant, and especially the white elephant, being sacred to Buddha, was held in the greatest reverence in all these Buddhist provinces and peats kingdoms of further India, and their possession was a matter of great pride and rivelry. Now that the other kingdoms have failen and gone, and only in Sam cases a mative dyn-asty and a Buddhist believer rule, the sacred white animal makes his last stand here.

sacred white summer.

here.

The last addition to the royal stables the last addition again, when a fadde The last addition to the rown states was made five years may, when in faded and speckled elephant was found in the Lass country, in the north, and brought down to Engklok, in grent state and received with all the time-honored exemines by the King, dergy and all the court, following.

#### SECRET OF DEATH VALLEY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Low Angeles, April 15.—Death Valley

Dam and Wall Tell of Race That Occupied Desolate Place.

which has so thwarted man in his at-tempts to obtain a foothold within its confines, was once the home of man and boasted some degree of civilization. This boasted some degree of civilization. This is made apparent by the discoveries of prospectors, who recently penetrated an unexplored borsion of the valley. In attempting to enter a small canyon at the northeastern extremity of the valley, they found their way blocked by a wall of mason, which extendes entirely across the canon, at a height of about ninety feet. The wall had crambled in places and showed signs of centuries of wear, but in the main it stood as built. The men claimbered up the sides of the canon till they reached the top of the massive wall, which there has a thickness of thirty feet. It is about three tunes as thick at the base. It was evidently built as a dim to catch the water, which descended from the mountains during the rainy season, for investigation disclosed an anisent canal leading out of the valley to the plain.

Along the sides of the canon above the level of the masonry were shallow caves, evidently hollowed out by the hand of man, Acress the front of each of these were walls or adobe brick of rade workmanship, indicating that the dam was also a wall of defense for no ensure could escale the walls of the canon or the wall of masonry in the face of even weak opposition.

In some of the cave homes were found broken portery and rule implements hammered out of import, a vein of which the prespectors found at the head of the canyon, with underly workfars; showing where the natives got their supply. is made apparent by the discoveries of

#### DIED FROM SKIPPING ROPE.

Girl Champion's Heart Could Not Stand the Strain.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New York, April 15.-Pretty and vivaclous Mary Cuff, the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cuff, of No. 233

of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cuff, of No. 283
Avenue D. Bayonne, N. J., died of a weakened heart caused by her excessive indugence in skipping the rope.

Mary was passionately fond of rope
skipping, She would skip to school and
home again, and during the recess she
would take her rope to the contigard and
jumn until the hell rang summoning the
pupils back again. She was one of the
brightest children in St. Mary's Parochial
School, and the other grils declare that
Mary could skip the rope hundreds of
times and outdo any of her companions.

In the afternoon Mary indulged in her
favorite passime with unusual sofut and
kept it up until she was faint. She went
home and told her mother that she felt
a pull about her heart. Mrs. Cuff sent
for Doctor L. P. Donohoe, who found that
the child had weakened her heart by
jumping.

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The child's condition rapidly became worse. She became dealrlous, and, imagining she was again skipping the rape, kept calling off the number of turns. When it was realized that there was no hope for the girl a priest was surploued and anointed her. She kept calling off the street of the stre

### Notion Bargains for Monday.

Here are two bargains from our Notion Department that will give you an idea of how great bargains are to-morrow.

Monday morning we place on sale in our Ladles' New Spring Belts, in a large Notion Department 50 dozen Ladles' range of styles and all sizes; regular the Supporters, extra good quality; reg. 25c value—at, each 19c choice of the lot for 39c (First floor, near Olive.)

A Purchase and Sale of New Shirt

Waists at a Third Under Price.

so far as the Waists are concerned, but the maker was

overstocked and wanted to sell his goods, and we

bought them at a reduction of about one-third off regu-

lar wholesale prices. There is a splendid assortment

of the newest and prettiest styles, and at to-morrow's

before night.

prices the Waists will all be gone

Ladies' Shirt Walsts, made of lawn, white

ground, with some black dots or figures,

plaited back and front, new sleeves and col-

lar. These Waists can sell for \$1.98; price

for Monday...... \$1.48

Ladies' Shirt Walsts, made of fancy striped

lawn, with small black figures, full-tucked

front, new sleeves and collar; regular price

\$2.50; our special purchase sale Mon. \$1.75

elaborately trimmed with insertions of Val.

lace and fine tucks, tucked back, fancy lace

stock: positive \$2.75 value, for Monday \$1.98

adies' Shirt Waists, made of fine white lawn

handsomely trimmed with insertions of Val.

lace and tucks, fancy stock collar, new sleeves; regular value of these waists is \$2,08;

your choice Monday for..... \$2.25

(Second Floor-Seventh and Olive.)

Ladies' Shirt Waists, made of tine white lawn,

There is no reason for reducing the price a cent



### Curtains and Upholstery.

Our lines of upholstery fabrics, muslin, net and madras curtains and curtain materials, portieres for doors, materials for wall coverings and hangings, fabrics for furniture coverings, denims, art tickings and cretonnes cannot be equaled in the West.

Portieres.--We place on sale Monday the largest line of Portieres ever brought together under one roof. Prices range from \$1.75 up to the very finest qualities made.

Oriental Striped Portieres, per pair .... \$1.75 Fine Tapestry Portieres, fringed top and bottom, worth \$4 per pair. \$2.75 Here are four of the greatest Portiere bargains we have ever offered, all the richest colorings and are new goods. Prices are conspicuously low \$3.50 for Portieres worth \$4.75 \$3.75 for Portieres worth \$5.00 \$4.25 for Portieres worth \$5.75 \$4.50 for Portieres worth \$6.00 (Third Floor.)

#### Special Sale of Cluny Lace Curtains.

Real Cluny Lace Curtains of the best quality of net with lace insertions and edge on double hemmed net, worth \$6.00 per pair, special Mon day at.

Real Cluny Lace Curtains, extra heavy cable net, worth 88:00 per pair, to-morrow at...... \$6.25

Real Cluny Lace Curtains, lace insertion and edge, beautifully made, worth Real Cluny Lace Curtains worth \$14.00 at \$10.75, and others up to

\$20.00 m proportionate reductions. 100 Savoy Lace Curtains, in white and ceru with lace insertions and We bought these at a bargain and they are worth \$3.50 to \$7.50 

Our assortment of Muslins, net and madras, for sash and long curtains, is the largest and most select in the city. We reuphelster furniture and will be glad to submit estimates.

(Third Floor.)

#### New Neckwear for Women.

Women will do well to lay in their summer supply of Neckwear at these exceptionally low prices quoted for Monday. Here are but two of these exceptionary low prices quite the many bargains offered:
the many bargains offered:
White and Cream Colored Venice Lace Wash Stocks, in plain white and white
Stocks; worth life each.

25c with colors; regular price life;
25c
at (First floor, near Lecust street door.)

### A Rare Topcoat Bargain.

Men's \$15 Silk=Lined Topcoats \$11.75.

Our entire immense stock of men's \$15.00 Topcoats, including several hundred very fashionable garments made in the height of style and lined with fine silk, are reduced for clearance to \$11.75.

Such a bargain opportunity as this, right at the height of the season, is something never equaled in this city. The fabrics are the best all-wool coverts, vicunas, homespuns, etc., in all staple shades, as well as novelty effects. The coats are tailored throughout by hand, and would cost you, if made to order, at least \$25-Monday the entire stock on 



(Second Floor-Locust Street.)

### New Rugs of Every Kind

Hundreds of patterns of new Rugs to select from, in colorings and designs suitable for parlors, dining-rooms, libraries, dens or sleeping-rooms; sizes range from a small mat to a large room size; our prices you will find the lowest possible consistent with the high quality of our goods.

#### Japan and China Mattings.

Direct purchases from the natives give us the advantage of first choice of the latest styles and colorings. We place on sale to-morrow 1.5% relis of Japanese and China Mattings from the finest inlaid effects at 5% and 4% per yard to the inexpensive kinds at per yard. 100 rolls of unusually fine quality Matting at Mc and ..... 35c

#### Carpets.

In this department we handle only the most reliable makes. Our stock is one of the most complete in the city. To get a satisfactory idea of the first assortment of the splendid advantages we offer you must visit this section. All the latest patterns and effects for spring are shown in Tapestry Brussels, Body Brussels, Velvets, Wilton Velvets, Axminsters and Wiltons. (Third Floor.)

### Ready-to-Wear Shirt-Waist Hats At One-Third and One-Half Regular Prices.

We have secured from four of New York's very best manufacturers of Ready-to-Wear and Shirt-Waist Hats their entire sample lines. This immense purchase comprises all the very latest styles in Turbans, Sallors and Flared Hats, made of rough-and-ready, Milan, fancy braids and chiffons—in all colors and combinations—navy, brown, red, champagne, black, burnt and white. The assort: ent is unlimited.

brown, red, champagne, black, burnt and white. The assort: ent is unlimited, hardly two hats alike; all are high-class, thoroughly well tailored, and the great values offered are heretofore unknown in St. Louis. The great quantity of stylish Hats has been assorted into large lots and arranged on separate tables, according to price, for easy choosing. Detailed description is both impossible and unnecessary—sufficient to say these beautiful Sample Hats are to be sold out quickly at half and less than half regular prices, as follows:

81.50 FOR WOMEN'S 34.00 HATS.

82.50 FOR WOMEN'S 34.00 HATS.

82.50 FOR WOMEN'S 35.00 HATS.

83.50 FOR WOMEN'S 35.50 HATS.

84.60 FOR WOMEN'S 36.50 HATS.

84.60 FOR WOMEN'S 36.50 HATS.

French Model Hats at One-Third Price.

Three hundred French Model Hats-THE "ORIGINALS," bought by Barr's from importers at 33.1-3 cents on the dollar. These magnificent creations include the new and most popular "Bebe" Hat in many styles. Flower Toques in all colers and combinations, also a large variety of exquisite Picture Hats. In short, an assertment of Dressy Hats seldom shown under one roof. To demonstrate the superiority of our enlarged and improved Millinery Department, we shall place these Hats on sale to-morrow at ONE-THIRD THEIR ACTUAL VALUE, as follows:

\$10.00 FOR \$25.00 MODEL HATS.

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\$18.00 FOR \$46.00 MODEL HATS.

\$20.00 FOR \$46.00 MODEL HATS.

### Savonol for Spring Housecleaning.

On sale both in our paint department and in our housefurnishing department -basement.

ing and cleaning furniture and finely finished woodwork of every description. Instead of destroying the original gloss and finish, common with the ordinary soaps and powders, it preserves and even heightens the beauty of the richest wood surface. Painted walls and frescoing are easily renewed and the colors restored as if newly wrought. Wherever cleaning is an object, Savonel is a household necessity. All wood surfaces are improved by subsequent rubbing with a soft cloth or chamols. Directions for use in every package. Quart cans.... 25e 12%-pound kegs..... \$1.25

25-pound kegs.....\$2.50

(Basement.)

#### Four Umbrella Bargains.

It's the umbrella season again. Here are four carefully selected bargains that will bring a crowd of eager shoppers to our Umbrella Department to-morrow;

brella, with silver trimmed natural wood and fancy handles, a regular \$4.00 value, \$3.00 to-morrow \$1.50

A beautiful line of Ladies'

Ladies' five union taffeta Ladies' good quality Union and twilled Silk Um- Taffeta Umbrellas, with fancy gold and silver handles, a splendid value at

Taffeta Silk Umbrellas with pearl handles, trimmed with solid silver, a value unequaled st the price .... \$2.50

this week for \$3.00 to-morrow ... \$1.50 Morday merging we will offer the best \$1.00 value

in Men's Umbrellas to be had in St. Louis. Either 26 or 28 inch. They are worth a full third more than we are asking for \$1.00

#### Important Notice.

We have received a complete line of new parasols. There are hundreds of strikingly beautiful new designs and colorings that are the very height of good taste and style. Every parasol is strictly up to date in style and the assortment of colorings is absolutely complete. This is the proper time to make selections (First Floor.)

#### Beautiful New Embroideries.

Our Embroidery Department is replete with all the latest and most beautiful creations for spring. Prices are the very lowest consistent with our regular high

and Namsook Allovers, new 7 to 12 inch Swiss and Nainsook Insertions for shirt waists, new Swiss and Nainsook Ribbon Insertions, new Corset Cover Embroideries, some trimmed with lace, new Swiss Insertings with colored piping, new line of Circular Flouncings. 1 to 2 inch wide Nalnsook 10-inch-wide Nalnsook and and Cambric Edges. 5c Cambric Flouncing. 27c
10c value for. 5c les value for. 27c
2 to 3 inch wide Nainsoek and 12-inch-wide Cambric SkirtSwiss Insertings. 15c
25c value for. 15c

Special bargains in manufacturers' short lengths of fine ansook Embroideries, all new ratterns all engths of fine Namsook Embroideries, all new patterns all perfect goods, no seconds, on sale Monday at about one-half regular value.

standard of quality. We mention: New matched Swiss and Nainsook Sets, new Swiss

2 to 2 inch wide Nainsook and I5-inch-wide Cambrie Skirt-Swiss Insertings. 10c ings, English work, 49c 20c value for 10c inch wide Nainsook and Swiss Edges, 15c 25c and 25c value for 15c

(First Floor.)

#### French Sample Corsets, Half Price.



Several hundred extra fine French Sample Corsets, in both plain and fancy stripes and all the latest models, on sale to-morrow at less than half regular prices.

\$3.00 for Corsets worth \$7.50 \$3.98 for Corsets worth \$8.50 for Corsets worth \$10.00

La Grecque Corsets. One of the most satisfactory and comfortable corsets made in this country is the La Greeque. We have a complete line of all the latest models and will be glad to have you see them.

(Second Floor-Seventh Street.)

## New Arrivals in Women's Spring Apparel.

Our great stock of women's ready-to-wear garments has been augmented during the past few days with many new creations in spring Coats, Suits, Skirts and Silk Shirt Waists. When our high standard of quality, you will readily admit our just claim to your patronage.

New Wool Suits

In every style, every material and every color and shade that fashion has decreed should be worn this season. The assortment is such that detailed description is impossible, and the few items mentioned below are but an index to this immense stock-

### New Dress and Walking Skirts.

In black and all the new shades of voile, etoile, panama, silk and broadcloth, and the everserviceable cheviots and fancy suitings; all the newest shirred and plaited effects are included, together with the plain tailor-stitched garments; a complete skirt stock in every detail, at prices ranging from \$37.50 down to \$8.75, \$7.50, \$6.50 and \$5.00.



Silk Shirt-Waist Suits.

In a complete variety of styles that are entirely new; materials are Pongee, Peau de Cygne, Taffeta and China Silk; also plain and fancy Mohairs and Sicilians; a mammoth stock in all sizes from 3? to 44, at prices ranging from \$25.00 down to \$10.00.

New Spring Jackets.

A complete stock of Spring Jackets and Topcoats, in all the new shades of English covert cloth; also a big selection of black cloth Jackets, Silk Blouses, Mohair Traveling Coats and Cravenette Raincoats, in all sizes -- a special variety of styles to satisfy every taste.

New tan Covert Jackets, silk lined and tailor made; special value to-morrow 25.50 Value to-morrow \$5.50 New tan or black Venetian Jackets, satin lined, very stylish \$6.00 satin lined

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New tan Covert Coats, in double and twisted English covert cleth, lined with fine satin; styles are the new corset effects which are proving so popular this year, prices very special ... \$10.50

Peau de Soie and Taffeta Silk Coats, in beautiful new styles that will meet with your instant approval— \$25, \$20, \$15 and as low as \$5.00 Mobair and Silk Coats and Priestley's Cravenette Rain Coats in every color and style, an assortment so varied and so large that every want can be satisfied; prices range from \$80.00 down to \$18.75

#### China Silk Wash Waists.

These very useful garments combine the qualities of a dressy silk waist with the serviceability of a wash waist, hence their popularity. We have them in a great variety of styles; some are tucked and lace trimmed, ranging in price from \$3.00 up; others are made of extra heavy silk, in plain tailored styles, from \$5.00 up; the more elaborate styles are decorated with Renutseance lace trimmings and medallions; prices from \$6.00 up.

Misses' Suits and Coats.

# This is the finest product yet discovered for wash-

#### Ladies' Handkerchiefs Greatly Reduced.

A special sale of Handkerchiefs Monday at prices less than actual cost of manufacture.

Ladies' regular size all Ladies' fine white em-%, % and 1 inch hems. These are regular 10c and 124c values-Monday, one price, each. .5c

Ladies' hand-embroidered A special purchase of Laall-lipen initial hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with faucy embroidered bird designs; these would be a splendid value at 35c each-Monday, your choice of the

pure linen white hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, all-linen Handkerchiefs, in a great assortment of styles, regular 75c and \$1.00 qualities-in this sale a splendid bargain

dies' Fine Lace-Trimmed Handkerchiefs, all-linen and some have fancy embroidered centers, also fancy corded centers, regular prices are from \$1.00 to \$1.25 each-your lot ...... 19e choice, each...... 59e (First Floor.)

### Dress Goods Bargain,

20 pieces of All-Wool Scotch Suitings in the new mannish effects, bought from a prominent manufacturer at a third under price. These are 58 inches wide and are extremely stylish, being probably the most popular material brought out this season for suits or skirts. They are a positive \$1.50 value-on sale Monday morning at, per yard.....

Another large shipment of English, plum and fancy Mohairs will be placed on sale for the first time Monday.

## **Grocery Specials**

For Monday and Tuesday. 10 lbs. Best Eastern Granulated Sugar, 48c. Only 10 lbs. to a Customer.

Blanco Cero or Vigor, per Gem Pint Olives, regular package 5c, doz.....55c price 13c-per bottle. 10c Gandalfo-Ghio Egg Nood- Cuteaux French Peas, regu-

Monarch Blueberries, regu-iar price 20c-2 cans

Barr's Grape Juice, regular

Monarch Sliced Pineapple, Monarch Jams, 1-lb. glass recolar 25c-2 cans jars, per jar.......20c 

les, per lb. package... 9c | lar price 20c-2 cans. 35c Barr's Vanilla Sweet Choc- Fairfired brand Maryland Monarch Pitted Red Cher- Barr's Premium Chocolate,

for ..... 35c Barr's Grape Juice, regular price 23c per bottle 20c

(Fourth Floor.)

\$5.00 Suit Cases for \$3.98.

\$5.00 Genuine Cowhide 24-inch Suit Case—linen lined, steel frame, brass spring lock and catches or straps, as desired—full riveted and hand-sewed, strong hand-made handle, re-enforced corners—this is a regular \$6.00 Suit Case.

and a splendid value at that price—on sale to-morrow in basement at....\$3.98

(Basement.) Wm. Barr Dry Goods Co.

St. Louis. Mo., Sixth. Seventh, Olive and Locust.

MAIL ORDERS FILLED.

#### Men's Shirts-Extra Special.

100 dozen Men's White Madras Negligee Shirts, one pair cuffs-absolutely the best \$1.00 value to be had in St. Louis-all this season's styles—sizes 14 to 1715—special to-morrow (first floor—on Seventh) 75c (First floor—Seventh and Olive.)